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Contrasting the Lie

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator . . ."—Rom. 1:25

A FALSE or counterfeit sense of anything must obviously have a true original. It must be a lie about some truth, and to know that truth is to be freed from whatever penalty the lie has imposed upon us.

Truth is most clearly etched against the background of error. Thus the aim of our magazine and work at Christ's Mission is to spotlight the counterfeit teachings of Roman Catholicism, so that the truth of Christ may appear in all its fullness.

That truth must prevail, even if it makes a liar of the Pope.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

HOW MANY CATHOLICS BECOME PROTESTANTS?

LITTLE or no publicity is given to the number of Roman Catholics who become members of Protestant denominations. Much fanfare, on the other hand, is given to the claims of the large number of Protestants who become Roman Catholics. The American public, as a result, is made to believe that all conversions are to the Roman Catholic church, and that Protestantism in America is fading out of the religious picture and losing most of its members to the church of Rome.

The weekly magazine *Newsweek* recently quoted a partial account of a very inadequate survey, made by the *Christian Herald* to find out how many Catholics have been joining Protestant churches. Catholic periodicals seized upon some of the figures given and gleefully made it appear that only 515 Catholics have joined Protestant churches in the past 10 years.

One of these was the Catholic *Register* which was promptly called to account, however, by Lutheran pastor H. W. Goekel, assistant executive secretary of the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, who wrote the *Register* as follows:

"By quoting the wholly inadequate figure published by the 'Christian Herald,' you have led your readers to believe that only 515 Catholics have joined the Protestant Church during the past 10 years. As a matter of statistical record, 1,280 Roman

Catholics joined the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church alone in the single year of 1945 . . . Inasmuch as the membership requirements of the Missouri Synod are much higher than those of the average Protestant body, it would seem reasonable to assume that the number of Catholics in America who turn Protestant runs into the tens of thousands."

The *Register* published, in its issue of last September 29, Dr. Goekel's just complaint, and was forced to admit that its published figure of only 515 Catholics who had become Protestants was the result of answers received from only 17 Protestant ministers who had been asked to supply data from their church records. Accompanying this admission, however, was a long dissertation in the *Register* endeavoring to prove, on the basis of Dr. Goekel's figure of 1,280 Roman Catholics who had formally joined one branch alone of the Lutheran Church in 1945, that a total of only 25,600 Roman Catholics had become Protestants in 1945. This in itself is an admission that we never imagined a Roman Catholic periodical would go so far as to make. For this number of 25,600 is based upon the attested figure supplied by Dr. Goekel who stresses the point that Lutherans, especially the Missouri Synod, are very strict in admitting converts to their membership. THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE has discovered that almost three times as many Catholics join the Baptists and other Evangelical bodies as compared to those Protestant denominations whose requirements involve adherence to fixed forms and ritual.

In a feeble effort to explain away its reluctant admission, the *Register* reads a lecture to Dr. Goekel, for the benefit of its shocked Catholic readers, in which it states that the Vatican Council solemnly made it a dogma of faith "binding under pain of heresy," that Catholics "can never have any just cause for changing or questioning their faith." This appeal to an intolerant pronouncement of a Roman Catholic council is the usual refuge of Catholic apologists when faced by facts and figures that cannot be denied.

WILL ITALIANS OUST THE POPE?

IT WAS INDEED a strange spectacle to see Pope Pius XII publicly pleading to the world last December 22 for protection against his own Italian Catholic people. The fear is very great, both in Italy and America, that the rapid increase of anti-clericalism in Italy may result in an effort to chase the Pope out of Rome.

Fuel was added to the fire of revolt against the Pope, the priests and the Catholic Italian Government leaders by the announcement of the vote of the subcommittee of the Constituent Assembly, on December 19, approving the validity of the Lateran Treaty (between the Pope and Mussolini in 1929) as the basis for future relations between the Vatican and the new Italian State. It would seem impossible to reconcile a democratic republican constitution with Article I of this Vatican-Fascist treaty which declares: "*The Catholic Apostolic Roman Religion is the religion of the State.*" In opposing this Palmiro Togliatti, communist party leader, rightly stated, according to the *N. Y. Times* of December 20, that this "has been repudiated by all civilized peoples."

The Brooklyn Catholic *Tablet* of December 21 published the following samples of the kind of invective being published in Italy against the Pope and the Catholic church by the anti-clericals: "*The sacraments represent deceitful and ridiculous medicine for the soul. Communion, christening, and extreme unction are vulgar historic tricks of the priest. Catholicism is a religion unworthy of civilized peoples. Man is the involuntary victim of the priest whom he pays a handsome salary to safeguard him against a non-existent purgatory or to invoke the protection of fictitious animals commonly called saints.*"

This hatred of the Catholic church and priests in Italy is nothing new, and is common to all so-called Catholic countries of Europe. Before Mussolini became the champion of the Vatican, priests were publicly spat upon in the streets of Rome itself. We have seen mothers hold their children in their arms and prompt them to spit on passing priests and to call them by the vulgar name of "*Bacchierozi*." Mussolini suppressed all this temporarily by his severe Fascist decrees. It is significant that when the Pope's excommunications last December failed to halt the publication of these anti-clerical writings, the present Government applied one of these punitive Fascist decrees of Mussolini to put Ruggero Maccari, editor of two of the offending publications, in jail for two years. Latest reports (Jan. 4) state that anti-clericalism in Italy continues to increase.

If it takes jail sentences to force Italians to have respect for their religion, it is obvious that at least in Italy, the very home of the Pope, the props must be falling from under the whole structure of Roman Catholicism.

WAS COUGHLIN A SEDITIONIST?

AMERICANS had a case of a Roman Catholic priest involved in treasonable acts for which he was never called to account. The pro-Fascist, anti-Semitic views of Father Coughlin were known to everyone, and were openly publicized in his paper *Social Justice*. After his return from Germany last fall, O. John Rogge, Department of Justice prosecutor, produced evidence that Father Coughlin had sought Nazi assistance in his campaign against President Roosevelt. Rogge was ousted for a speech telling of this and other efforts of American Fascists to defeat President Roosevelt in the 1940 election.

On last November 12, Mr. Rogge repeated his accusations against Coughlin at a Kiwanis Club luncheon in Detroit. According to the *Detroit News* of November 13, he stated that "*Coughlin sent an emissary to see Hitler and Von Ribbentrop to appeal for Nazi aid in support of Christianity and to help him in his campaign against Roosevelt and the Jews.*" Had Coughlin been brought to trial before a civil judge, the Vatican's excommunication would have been applied automatically against all who had any part in it.

On the other hand, no voice was raised in protest against the trial and conviction of a Lutheran pastor in Philadelphia who was found guilty of being involved with enemy aliens during the war. His trial took place in Hartford, Connecticut. The prosecuting attorney was a Roman Catholic and the chief witness against him was an Eastern Orthodox priest. Had the defendant been a Roman Catholic priest like Fath-

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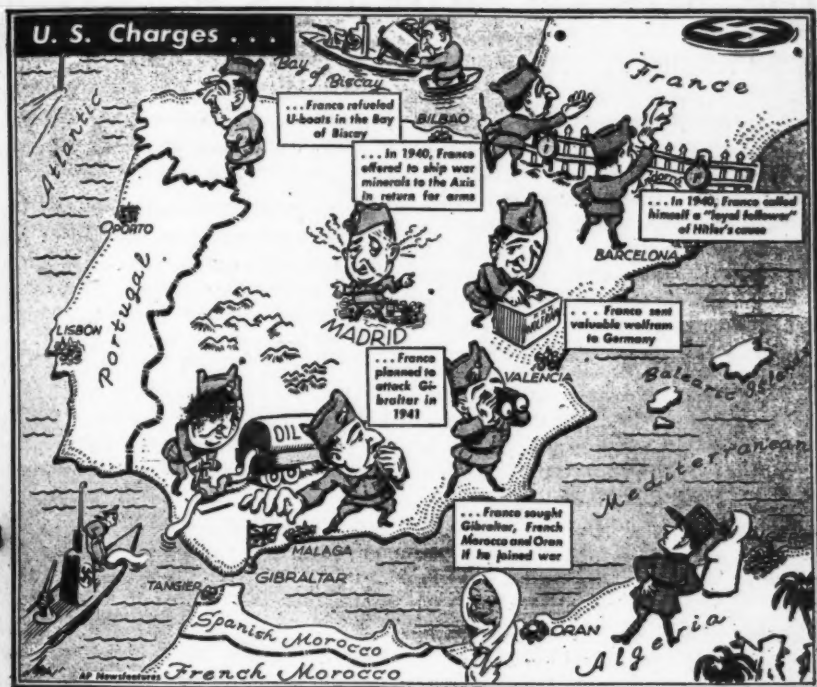
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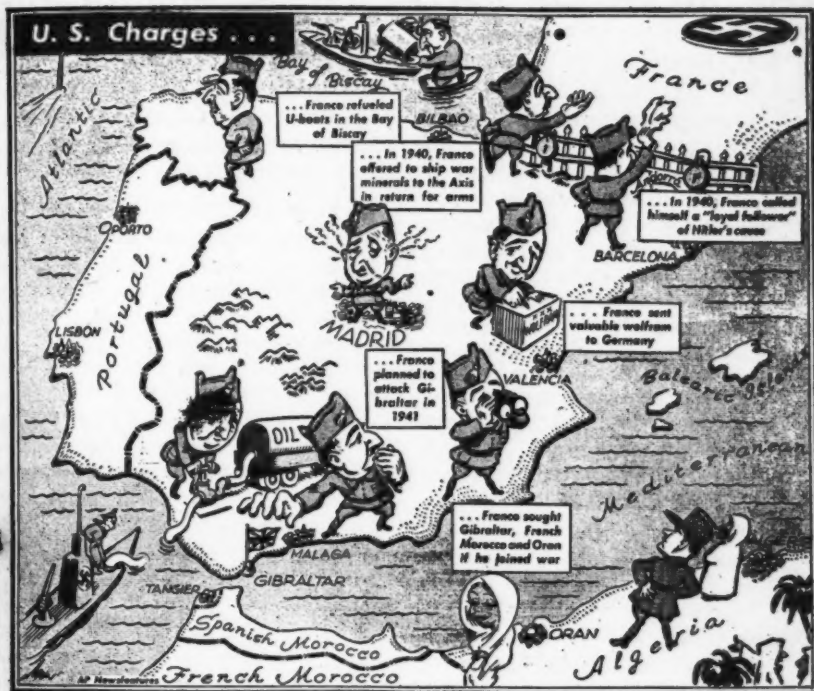
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THE MYTH OF CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC is constantly being treated to large doses of propaganda concerning alleged Catholic 'scholarship,' and the wonderful achievements of Catholic 'scholars' in every branch of learning. The secular newspapers are mostly to blame for this. In their anxiety to say something good all the time about the Roman Catholic church, they stress every item of news that makes Roman Catholic priests seem very learned men.

Every time there is an earth tremor, the picture of Jesuit Father Joseph Lynch and his seismograph at Fordham University is sure to be spread over the front pages. Catholic priests are publicized even as eminent Bible scholars, and claims for scientific research in Catholic colleges and universities would make one believe that Catholics lead in all the higher branches of learning and scholarship.

The truth of the matter is that Roman Catholic scholarship, of every kind, is far behind the average of other institutions, both secular and Protestant, in this country. This is openly and sorrowfully admitted by no less an authority than the Jesuits' most outstanding magazine *America*, in its issue of last August 3. The admission of course is made by this Jesuit magazine for the purpose of shocking its readers and the Catholic educational world into doing something about it—if at all possible. Behind it also is the usual Jesuit 'boss' attitude of reprimanding other teaching orders in the Catholic church; a certain amount of jealousy, also, because of large financial contributions recently given to Notre Dame and other non-Jesuit universities. By

showing up the incompetency of these other Catholic institutions, the Jesuits hope that rich Catholics may be shocked into providing large endowments for Jesuit universities and colleges.

In an article that verifies all its findings with references to exhaustive surveys on the subject, this Jesuit magazine lets it be known that: "*There are only half as many Catholics on the faculties of colleges and universities as there should be, and that half is producing only half as much per person as it should. This means that there is only one fourth as much productive scholarship coming from Catholics as our numbers warrant.*" As to the quality of such scholarship, the picture is admitted to be even blacker still, in the following words: "*A great deal of it consists of academic theses and occasional articles by those members of religious orders who are being groomed for teaching or administrative posts in institutions and colleges belonging to their orders. These are often the first and last excursions of their authors into the field of original work, and often they represent more work than originality.*"

All this and much more is proved from surveys made by Notre Dame University and by quotations from *Scientific Monthly*, which, in its issue for December, 1931, published the findings of two scientists who studied the starred names in *American Men of Science* "*and found just 3 Catholics among 1,189 outstanding scientists.*" Most significant was their conclusion, which frankly stated:

"The conspicuous dearth of scientists among the Catholics suggests

that the tenets of that church are not consonant with scientific endeavor."

"The over-all condition of Catholic scholarship and research in all lines—physical, biological, social, and even philosophical sciences—was so bad," says this article in *America*, "that the survey was extended to cover all fields."

Here are some of the facts that this extended survey revealed:

1. Only about 6,850 Catholics in this country are teachers on college and university levels. This figure is only 8 per cent of the faculties of American colleges and universities, whereas Catholics claim 16 per cent of the total population. Of these 6,850, only 1,850 teach in non-Catholic and State colleges and universities.

2. Catholic colleges and universities "are at the bottom of the list for published research, just as our medical schools are at the bottom of medical-rating lists." Whereas the uni-

versities of California, Indiana, Yale and others report almost 100% of their permanent staff faculty members as having published original research material, Catholic universities report a percentage in the low thirties. Notre Dame reports only 31 per cent, Catholic University of Washington, D. C., 30 per cent, Marquette, 32 per cent. "On the basis of productive scholarship," it is admitted, "we have no prominent universities."

3. "Of the total number of Catholics on college and university faculties, only 18.3 per cent have ever published." On the other hand, a survey of 35 smaller schools connected with the Methodists shows 32 per cent of their total faculties have published original research. In other words, as this Jesuit magazine article says: "Only about one out of six of the Catholics on college and university faculties is making some contribution to the advancement of new knowledge," and they are left far

Religious Affiliations of 303 starred scientists listed in "American Men of Science":

Denomination	303 'Starred' Scientists	Per- centage	Proportion to Percentage in U. S. Population
Congregationalist	66	21.78%	9.3%
Presbyterian	61	20.13%	3.5%
Episcopalian	52	17.16%	5.7%
Unitarian	37	12.21%	81.4%
Methodist	31	10.23%	4.5%
Baptist	16	5.28%	25%
Protestant (unspecified)	14	4.62%
Friends	6	1.98%	6.6%
Disciples	4	1.32%	29%
Jewish	4	1.32%	72%
Lutheran	4	1.32%	20%
Universalist	3	.99%	6.6%
Roman Catholic	3	.99%	.05%
Dutch Reformed	1	.33%	1.00%
Swedenborgian	1	.33%	16.5%

According to Drs. Lehman and Witty, who made the above study, Roman Catholics, though claiming largest membership among all religious bodies in the United States, "provide the smallest number of research workers in proportion to their number."

behind by non-Catholic schools.

4. "Neither in its *quantity* nor *quality* is there the slightest room for complacency about our Catholic scholarship," this article warns.

Of greatest significance is the admitted conclusion that. "research in any scientific field cannot be *ordinated* to the Catholic Church's apologetic." This means in plain English that *the teachings of the Catholic church and science do not mix.*

A further article in *America*, for November 2, 1946, states that *only three Roman Catholic institutions of learning in the U. S. have been able to qualify for financial assistance offered as grants-in-aid for post-war scientific research by industrial companies.* It quotes statistics released by the National Research Council in Washington, D. C., showing that 1,800 grants, fellowships and scholarships, roughly equal to \$22,000,000, have been made to a total of 120 colleges, medical schools and polytechnic institutes, and of these only three are Roman Catholic.

These three Catholic universities are: Georgetown (Jesuit), which holds a grant of \$600 from the Rystan Company for dental research; Notre Dame, which holds two grants for bacteriological, two for chemical, and two for physical research; and Santa Clara (California), which holds one grant of \$150 from the Shell Oil Company for uninstruced research. The amounts for these eight grants to Catholic universities total \$55,300, or *only about one half of one per cent of the total.* This, the article in *America* admits, provides proof of the poor *qualitative* status of Catholic scientific research and corresponds to the *quantitative* index of poor Catholic scholarship as outlined in its previous article.

Even Protestants would doubt the above facts if the editors of THE CON-

VERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE published them as a result of their own findings. But here we have them bluntly and openly admitted by one of the most authoritative Roman Catholic magazines in America.

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THE LAST OF 'JIMMY' WALKER

'JIMMY' WALKER, New York's colorful and sinful mayor during the corrupt years of the 'twenties, died last November 17 and was buried with much pomp and ceremony from St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was reconciled to the Roman church after his second wife, the former Betty Compton, died in 1942.

Columnists and commentators in the secular press recalled Jimmy's many depredations and publicly-known sins with nostalgic indulgence. Catholic newspapers, on the other hand, stressed his 'repentant' years since he rejoined the church in 1942, overlooked his lurid past, and boastfully proclaimed, as if his sinful life did not matter, that he never lost faith in the Catholic church. In proof of this, the Brooklyn Catholic *Tablet* of November 23, published the following speech that Jimmy Walker made before a Communion-Breakfast of the Catholic Traffic Guild on the last Sunday of June 1946. Said Jimmy on that occasion:

"While it is true—too awfully true—that many acts of my life were in direct denial of the faith in which I believed, I can say truthfully that never once did I try to convince myself or others that my acts were anything else but what they were. Never once did I attempt to moralize or rationalize my acts, for I knew that they were denials of the faith in which I believed and to which I was

devoted. Never once did I deny my faith to square it with my actions. It is true that I acted against my faith and my Church but I always believed in and felt with the Faith of my Fathers and the Church of my God."

Here is a good example of Roman Catholic teaching that places loyalty to the church and its laws above morality and personal responsibility to God and His commandments. Jimmy Walker made public confession that, despite his sinful actions, he always remained loyal to his church, and that although he

it as sufficient proof of repentance. But before God this kind of repentance is not enough.

THUNDER WITHOUT LIGHTNING

THE WORLD has ceased to be scared as formerly of the thunder of papal excommunication. The Vatican's attempt to apply its outworn fulminations against Marshal Tito and his Government calls to mind the story of "The Jackdaw of Rheims" in the *Ingholdsby Legends*. The Cardinal's jackdaw had stolen his ring when his back was turned, but the Cardinal, believing that "when nobody twigged it, some rascal or other had poppd in and priggid it," is pictured as giving vent to his anger as follows:

*The Cardinal rose with a dignified look,
He called for his candle, his bell, and
his book!*

*In holy anger, and pious grief,
He solemnly cursed that rascally
thief!*

*He cursed him at board, he cursed
him in bed;*

*From the sole of his foot to the crown
of his head;*

*He cursed him in sleeping, that every
night*

*He should dream of the devil, and
wake in a fright;*

*He cursed him in eating, he cursed
him in drinking,*

*He cursed him in coughing, in sneez-
ing, in winking;*

*He cursed him in sitting, in standing,
in lying;*

*He cursed him in walking, in riding,
in flying;*

*He cursed him in living, he cursed
him in dying!—*

*Never was heard such a terrible curse!
But what gave rise*

*To no little surprise,
Nobody seemed one penny the worse.*



'JIMMY' WALKER

"Never once did I deny my faith to square it with my actions."

sinned openly against God, he never denied his church. "Never once did I deny my faith to square it with my actions," he boasted. This delights and satisfies Roman Catholic authorities who accept

THE VATICAN'S COMPLICITY IN THE TWO WORLD WARS

By L. H. LEHMANN

DO YOU WONDER why Yugoslavia has been so much in the news? Why the peace-makers of the Big Four have been wrangling for more than a year over the disposition of Yugoslavia in post-war Europe? You will have to go back nearly a hundred years in the history of Europe for the answer. For Yugoslavia is the birth-place of the two World Wars, whose causes go back even farther to the Balkan War of 1875, and even farther back than that. In the plots, maneuverings and political power-plays connected with this long string of wars, it will be found that the Vatican played a prominent part.

BETRAYAL OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Americans are even still reluctant to believe how deeply the Vatican has been involved in the Fascist and Nazi intrigues that led to the second World War. Even such keen observers as Lewis Mumford took a long time to realize—as he points out in his book, *Faith for Living* (p. 160)—that, “*The betrayal of the Christian world very plainly took place in 1929, in the Concordat that was made between Mussolini and the Pope.*” Others have since come to realize also that, were it not for the Vatican's Concordat with Hitler in 1933, Nazism would never have gained the support it did in its drive against all democratic freedoms.

More difficult still for Americans to understand is the fact that the Vatican had been the prime mover, long before

Mussolini and Hitler appeared on the scene, in the crusade to wipe out democracy, Protestantism, Freemasonry and all forms of freedom from Europe—and eventually from the entire world. Fascism, in fact, was but a revival, under a new label, of this long-standing clerical crusade of the Vatican. Yet the seriousness of the problem is still far from being sufficiently understood by those who at present have the destiny of America and the world in their hands.

With the channels of information from Europe now being re-opened, confirmation of these facts from first-hand observers is beginning to reach us. Their reports prove that the Vatican has been more deeply involved in the Fascist conspiracy than we have dared to mention. One of these is Mr. D. Tomitch, a diplomatic official of Yugoslavia who was cruelly treated by the occupying forces of his country during the war and liberated from concentration camp in 1945. He has written a factual report of what he has experienced and known at first hand, which was published in Paris in January, 1946, under the title: *Les Responsables de la Guerre 1939-1945*.¹

Mr. Tomitch's startling facts concerning the complicity of the Vatican in the intrigues of the Axis dictators cannot be questioned. He shows clearly

¹ Now available in English under the title: *THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECOND WORLD WAR*, from Agora Publishing Co., 120 Liberty Street, New York 6, New York. Price 25¢.

that the Vatican's plans for a Clerical-Fascist Europe date back to the Balkan war of 1875-1877, when the reactionary forces of Europe handed over to the apostolic Catholic Empire of the Hapsburgs the Serbian provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This was in line with the German imperial design of using the Balkans for its *Drang nach Osten*. The Vatican helped in this, and, as Mr. Tomitch tells us, "*used its great influence on the Catholics of the whole world by making them believe that it had done so to help the spread of Roman Catholicism in the East.*"

FATHER KOROCHETZ AND PAVELITCH

Americans need to be reminded that the two World Wars started in Yugoslavia, and that the Vatican was implicated in the intrigues that started both of them. Just as the spark that set off the first World War was ignited in Sarajevo (Serbia) in 1914, so also the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and French Foreign Minister Barthou on October 9, 1934, was the first act of Fascist aggression that led to the outbreak of the second World War. This was planned and carried out by Vatican-backed Mussolini's henchmen, the Ustashi of Ante Pavelitch. Behind it was Jesuit Father Anton Korochez, who held official Government positions in the Government of the old Austrian-Hungarian Empire, and who was the active agent of the Vatican in its plan to Catholicize the entire Balkans under the Hapsburgs. He had been banished from the country by King Alexander for this reason. But after the assassination of the King, Father Korochez was recalled from exile, appointed Minister of the Interior, and immediately entered into the conspiracy between the regent Prince Paul, Mussolini and Goering of Nazi Ger-

many to bring Yugoslavia into the orbit of the Nazi-Fascist Axis.

The double assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and French Foreign Minister Barthou in 1934, served the aims of the plotters not only to bring Yugoslavia on to the side of Hitler and Mussolini, but also France. Pierre Laval succeeded the slain Barthou as French Foreign Minister, just as regent Prince Paul succeeded the slain King Alexander. Both were creatures of Hitler and Mussolini and conspired with them, and the Vatican, to throttle Yugoslavia and undermine the French Republic.

This was all of a piece with the pattern of the Fascists and the Nazis, in alliance with the Vatican, to put the blame, and the excuse, for the war on Freemasonry and Judaism. In the words of Mr. Tomitch, this was done "*in order to sow confusion in the minds of people of all countries, and to advance the cause of Fascism and Nazism in foreign countries, with a view to bringing about a change of government, as they had succeeded in doing in Spain, or to undermine existing governments from within in order to conquer them more easily, as happened in Holland, Belgium and France in May, 1940, and in Yugoslavia in April, 1941.*"

Mussolini's henchman, Ante Pavelitch, was found guilty and condemned to death by a French court of justice for the assassination of King Alexander and Barthou. Pavelitch was then in Italy and Mussolini refused to hand him over to French justice. Seven years later, in 1941, Pavelitch returned to Yugoslavia, after it was invaded by the troops of Mussolini and Hitler, and was proclaimed Chief of State in Croatia. He later went back to Rome and was received in private audience by Pope



ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC SOLEMNLY BLESSES THE ASSASSIN PAVELITCH

(This group picture was released to the Associated Press during the trial of Stepinac last October. But no newspaper in the U. S. dared to publish all of it. Pavelitch and the others shown were purposely cut out and only the picture of Stepinac was published.)



Archbishop Stepinac and other prelates at Ustashi ceremonies. At left are Col. Eril Lisak and Ivan Shalich, Stepinac's secretary.



Archbishop Stepinac is shown here with Pavelitch (giving Fascist salute) reviewing Ustashi troops. At left is Pavelitch's wife and Msgr. Marcone, the Pope's nuncio.



Pavelitch surrounded by a group of Franciscan priests who were also members of his Ustashi terrorist organization.

Pius XII. Here is what Mr. Tomitch says of this:

"Pavelitch himself went to Rome to offer the crown of the new 'Kingdom of Croatia' to the Duke of Spoleto, cousin of the King of Italy, who accepted it. After having been received in audience by Mussolini and the King, he was likewise received by the Pope, despite the fact that he was under sentence of death by the French tribunal, and despite the fact that occupied Yugoslavia still maintained its legation at the Vatican. What is still more outrageous is the fact that, at the very moment when Pavelitch was making his round of official visits in Rome, Orthodox Serbs and Jews in Croatia, under Italian occupation, were being massacred by the thousands—men, women, and children—and that many Roman Catholic priests and monks took part in these massacres."

Mr. Tomitch gives a long list of the names of Roman Catholic priests and monks who took actual part in the cruel massacres of Serbian Orthodox and Jewish men, women and children under the regime of Pavelitch and his Ustashi terrorists. He quotes the Franciscan priest Rayitch as saying to an Ustashi who had come to him to confession with bloody hands: "*My son, go back to your work; your task is not finished as long as Serbians and Jews remain alive!*" He proves that the highest prelates of the Roman Catholic church were implicated in these horrible massacres, and names them. Nor does he hesitate to name the Vatican also as an accomplice in these crimes and accuses it of having removed its own Catholic priests of Yugoslav nationality and replaced them with Italian priests, of having tolerated the imprisonment and deportation of its own Catholic priests who were opposed to Fascism. This political maneuver of the Vatican—which acted in the same way in Nazi-occupied Poland against Catholic priests who refused to submit to Hitler—may surprise Americans,



Pavelitch heads religious procession with Archbishop Stepinac (right) in full episcopal robes.

who forget that the Catholic church has always persecuted its own priests and people more than others in order to gain its political ends.

THE CASE AGAINST STEPINAC

From official documents of the trial of Archbishop Stepinac it has been made known that he was accused and convicted of the following: 1. That he controlled the organization called the "*Kristari*" ("Crusaders"), a Roman Catholic religious organization which served as a front for Pavelitch's murderous Ustashi in spreading hatred of the Orthodox Serbians, Protestants and Jews, in preparation for the invasion of Yugoslavia in April, 1941. When the



Serbian Orthodox priests being hanged in a churchyard by Pavelitch's Ustashi.

From: Martyrdom of the Serbs



Archbishop Stepinac in audience with the criminal Pavelitch.

puppet Croatian State was set up (with the approval of Pope Pius XII), the Crusaders openly joined up with the military Ustashi forces. It was then revealed that many Roman Catholic priests and monks were officers and leaders of the Ustashi. Archbishop Stepinac was the chief chaplain of these military forces and photographic proof was produced that he had publicly and ceremoniously blessed these Ustashi troops. 2. That he issued a pastoral letter to his clergy on April 26, 1941, two days after he and all the other bishops had visited Pavelitch to offer their co-operation and help. This pastoral letter declared:

"Honorable Brethren: There is not one among you who has not recently been a witness of the most momentous occurrence in the life of the Croatian people, among whom we work as the messengers of Christ's evangelists. This is an event that has fulfilled a long-dreamed of and long-sought for ideal of our people . . . Answer with readiness my call to the glorious work of guarding the Independent State of Croatia and helping its progress . . . Show your readiness, honorable brethren, and now fulfill your duty toward the young Independent State of Croatia."

3. That he was one of the three members of a special ecclesiastical Committee, appointed at a full meeting of all the Roman Catholic bishops of Croatia in Zagreb on November 17, 1941, to take charge of the forced conversion of the Orthodox Serbs to Roman Catholicism. Archbishop Stepinac was chairman of that meeting, and the two others appointed to the Committee were Bishop Janko Simrak and Bishop Viktor Buric. 4. That he collaborated with Colonel Erik Lisak, Chief of Police under Pavelitch's government, who was sent back by Pavelitch to Yugoslavia after its

liberation, disguised as a Franciscan monk, together with General Anton Moskova, to organize terroristic guerrilla activities against the new government of Yugoslavia. Lisak (who was condemned to death at the trial) hid in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Zagreb and visited Archbishop Stepinac in his house to arrange the plans for subversive action against Tito's government.

The Los Angeles, California, Catholic weekly, *The Tidings*, of last November 29, (also the Brooklyn *Tablet* of December 7) published Archbishop Stepinac's testimony in answer to the above charges, the transcript of which *The Tidings* stated, had been smuggled out of Yugoslavia. If this be Stepinac's true testimony it condemns him on every count, in spite of his efforts to minimize the gravity of his actions and to excuse them by attaching moral motives to them. Although he is reported as repeatedly stating, "my conscience is clear," and "I do not intend to defend myself," he admitted his part in the conversion of the Orthodox Serbs to Roman Catholicism. He merely denied that he had taken part in the "re-baptism" of the Serbs, and repeated the well-known Catholic teaching that people like the Orthodox Serbs who were baptized in their own church (which is schismatic, not heretical like the Protestants), do not need to be re-baptized when they join the Roman church. He said that the Serbs were anxious to be converted to the Roman church—which is understandable since they were produced by Ustashi bayonets—and that the Catholic church wished to help the Serbian nation. "But the Church," he testified, "had to wind its way through difficulties like a snake."

In answer to the charge that he had aided and blessed Pavelitch's Ustashi

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troops, he stated that they were the only troops in control of the country after Yugoslavia was conquered by the invading armies of Mussolini and Hitler. He admitted receiving Lisak and other Ustashi leaders sent by Pavelitch to sabotage the government of Tito after the liberation, and of giving them passes, but that he did not reproach himself on account of this, as his conscience was clear.

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He also defended his appeal to his clergy to uphold and fight for the new Independent State of Croatia set up in collaboration with Mussolini and the Pope. "I would not have fulfilled the obligations of my office," he said, "if I had not felt the pulse of the Croatian people who were slaves in former Yugoslavia." In this he further stated he was following the wishes of the Holy See—the Vatican.

Among the documents produced against Archbishop Stepinae at his trial were copies of the official Roman Catholic newspaper, the *Catholic Weekly*, published in his archdiocese. In its issue of May 25, 1941, (a month after Pavelitch had set up his Catholic Croatian State and begun slaughtering Serbian Jews) this newspaper published an article by Father Franjo Kralik, which stated as follows:

"The incontestable truth is that the Jews — a small people — scattered throughout the world, are pursued by God's curse which they clearly brought upon themselves . . . The movement for freeing the world from the Jews is the movement for the restoration of man's dignity. The all-powerful and all-holy God Himself provides for this restoration, for this movement."

In its issue of August 31, 1941, an article by Father Peter Pajic, entitled

"Hitler Upholds the Mission," declared:

"Until now, God spoke through his apostles, through papal encyclicals, through innumerable sermons, through the catechism, through the Christian press, through the heroic deeds of the saints and so forth—And? They closed their ears. They became deaf. Now the Almighty has decided to use another method. He will prepare missions. European ones, Worldwide ones! They will be upheld not by priests but by military leaders headed by Hitler. The sermons will be heard very well with the help of cannon, machine guns, tanks and bombs. The language of the sermons will be international. No one will be able to complain that they do not understand, for all people know well what death, wounds, disease, hunger, fear, slavery and poverty are."

IS IT RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION?

American and English Catholics have been storming their governments with protests against the trial and conviction of Archbishop Stepinae of Yugoslavia for treasonable and criminal acts. In doing so they have been helping the Vatican to intensify hatred against the Yugoslav Government as a sure way of drumming up a war against Russia.

The fact of the matter is that the Vatican itself is responsible for this action taken against Stepinae. For months Marshal Tito had begged the Vatican to recall the Archbishop and take him out of the country, otherwise he would be forced to satisfy the public clamor to have him arrested and tried in civil court. According to the *N. Y. Times* of last November 2, Tito made a last appeal to Bishop Patrick J. Hurley, of Florida, who was sent especially by the Pope to act in behalf of the Vatican in Yugoslavia. It was only after all these appeals had failed that Tito brought Stepinae to trial. Again the Vatican refused. Instead, rumors were sent out

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from the Vatican that the Pope, in an attempt to make Stepinac appear more of a martyr still, planned to make him a cardinal. To keep a Roman cardinal in jail would make Tito and his Government guilty of the supreme crime in the church's canon law.

It is thus obvious that the Vatican wanted Archbishop Stepinac tried, convicted and jailed as an effective means of stirring up world hatred of Russia and Yugoslavia. A glance at any map of post-war Europe will show how Yugoslavia today is a veritable Russian dagger pointed squarely across the Adriatic at the very heart of Rome itself.

Again, Americans overlook the fact that the Vatican excommunicated Marshal Tito and other Yugoslav officials, not because Stepinac was tried and convicted unjustly, but solely because he was tried at all in a secular court. Following is a direct quotation from the wording of the official decree of excommunication of Tito and his collaborators, as reported from Rome by the N. Y. Times of last October 14:

"The Church provides for the defense of sacred pastors and of their freedom and dignity above all with three articles in the Code of Canon Law, which provides that excommunication is to be incurred 'for the very fact in itself' by those who:

"1. Hale a Bishop, especially their own Bishop, before a lay judge.

"2. Perform acts of violence against a Bishop, or Archbishop.

"3. Directly or indirectly prevent the exercise of ecclesiastical jurisdiction or authority, having recourse for this purpose to any lay authority."

Religious liberty is really being violated in other parts of the world—in Spain, Mexico, Argentina and other

Catholic-dominated countries — where Protestants are the sufferers. Americans should get busy and protest against Roman Catholic denial of religious liberty to Protestants in those countries, and quit helping to defend its opposite in Yugoslavia.

The most damaging witnesses against Stepinac were Roman Catholic priests under his own jurisdiction. Pictures were shown at the trial as undeniable evidence of Stepinac's collaboration with Pavelitch's murderous Ustashi Crusaders. He was the chief chaplain of Pavelitch's army, and a member of the Committee for the forced conversion of the Serbs to Roman Catholicism.

So obvious was the complicity of the Roman Catholic church in the atrocities of the Ustashi in Croatia, that some decent Catholic laymen were forced to protest (in vain, however) to Archbishop Stepinac. One of these was Prvislav Grizogno, a former minister in the Yugoslav cabinet. Following is an excerpt from his letter to Archbishop Stepinac, dated from Zagreb on February 8, 1942:

"In all these unprecedented crimes, worse than pagan, our Catholic Church has also participated in two ways. First, a large number of priests, clerics, friars, and organized Catholic youth actively participated in all these crimes, but, more terrible, even Catholic priests became camp commanders and, as such, ordered or tolerated the horrible tortures, murders and massacres of a baptized people. One Catholic priest slit the throat of an Orthodox Serbian priest. None of this could have been done without the permission of their Bishops, and, since it was done, they should have been brought to the ecclesiastical court and unfrocked. Since this did not happen, then obviously the Bishops gave their consent, by acquiescence at least."

"Friars and nuns carried 'Ustashi' knives in one hand and a cross and a prayer-book in the other. The province

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of Srem is covered with the leaflets of Bishop Akshamovich, which were printed in his own print shop at Djakovo. He calls upon the Serbs, through these leaflets, to save their lives and property, recommending the Catholic faith to them . . . In our country not one Bishop has decried the fate of the innocent Christian Serbs who have suffered more than the Jews in Germany."²

The Vatican's dealings with the regime of Mussolini in Italy and Ethiopia, of Franco in Spain, of Salazar in Portugal, of Hitler in Germany and of Pétain in France, are better known to Americans than its tie-up with Pavelitch in Yugoslavia. Yet, the Vatican's intrigues with Pavelitch were even more fateful than with the others. For they were a continuation of its political maneuvers in the Balkans for nearly a hundred years, which resulted in the two World Wars—of 1914-1918, and of 1939-1945—which, according to latest estimates, cost fifty million lives.

² For the full text of this letter and other horrible facts concerning the Roman Catholic church's part in the atrocities in Yugoslavia, see the book: *MARTYRDOM OF THE SERBS*, page 292.

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SOME FAMOUS MEN'S OPINIONS ON THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOLLOWING are a few quotations from the writings of well-known authors, historians and others, whose opinions of the aims and activities of the Roman Catholic church deserve attention today—especially in the United States where the full force of its power is now being felt.

► "When socialism comes to power, the Roman Church will advocate Socialism with the same vigor it is now favoring feudalism and slavery."

—August Bebel, speech at Social Democratic party congress, in Jena, 1906

► "They who believe in the infallibility of the pope, and openly say so, are blasphemers."

—John Hus, "De Ecclesia," 1412

► "The papacy is no other than the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof."

—Thomas Hobbes, "Leviathan"

► "The Pope derives his institution neither from divine nor from human right, but is a self-chosen human creature and intruder."

—Martin Luther, "Table Talk," p. 415

► "Tolerated popery, as it extirpates all religious and civil supremacies, so itself should be extirpated, provided first that all charitable and compassionate means be used to win and regain the weak and the misled."

—John Milton, "Aeropagitica," 1664

► "The Jesuits pass for smart politicians, and have succeeded in getting themselves turned out of three countries, just for a beginning. They little deserve their reputation."

—Voltaire, "Letters," May 18, 1767

► "I do not like the reappearance of the Jesuits. If ever there was a body of men who merited damnation on earth and in hell, it is this society of Loyola's."

—John Adams, President of United States, "Letter to Thomas Jefferson, 1816"

► "The Bible has always triumphed in the end. When the Roman Church put tradition and the authority of the Church upon the same level with the Bible, it made certain all the abuses and errors of its later career; and when Protestantism came forth from Romanism, it indicated its right to existence and its claim to be the representative of the Holy Universal Church by planting itself upon the sole authority of the Bible."

—Lewis French Stearns, D.D.

► "Look through the whole history of countries professing the Romish religion, and you will uniformly find the leaven of this besetting and accursed principle of action—that the end will sanction any means."

—S. T. Coleridge, "Table Talk," Aug. 6, 1831

► "The ungodly papists prefer the authority of the pope far above God's Word; a blasphemy abominable and not to be endured; void of all shame and piety they spit in God's face."

—Martin Luther, "Table Talk," p. 581

► "Romanism is less a religion than a priestly tyranny armed with the spoils of civil power which, on pretext of religion, it hath seized against the command of Christ Himself."

—John Milton, "Treatise on Civil Power," pub. 1659

► "The Roman Church is filled with men who are led into it merely by ambition, and who, though they might have been useful and respectable as laymen, are hypocritical and immoral."

—Macaulay, "Letter from Rome," 1838

► "Rome is the one great spiritual organization which is able to resist and must, as a matter of life and death, the progress of science and modern civilization."

—T. H. Huxley, "Scientific Education," speech in Liverpool, England, 1869

► "A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion."

—Sir Francis Bacon, "Of Atheism"

► "Sow a Jesuit, and you reap a rebel."

—Jerome Bonaparte, speech in French Chamber of Deputies, 1877

► "The . . . spirit which made the Jesuit regardless of his ease, of his liberty, and of his life, made him also regardless of truth and of mercy. No means which could promote the interest of his order seemed to him unlawful . . . in the most atrocious plots recorded in history his agency could be distinctly traced . . . he was in some countries the most dangerous ENEMY OF FREEDOM."

—Macaulay, loc. cit. ch. 6, p. 52

► "For political and intellectual freedom, and for all the blessings which political and intellectual freedom have brought in their train, she (i.e. England) is chiefly indebted to the great rebellion of the laity against the priesthood."

—Thomas Babington Macaulay, "History of England," vol. 1, ch. 1

► "A little skill in antiquity inclines a man to popery; but depth in that study brings him about again to our Christian religion."

—Dr. Thomas Fuller, "The True Church," b. 1608 - d. 1661

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THE ENIGMA OF CATHOLIC POLAND

THE DEADLY CONFLICT between the Government of Poland—a country that is claimed to be 97 per cent Roman Catholic—and the Vatican is another of those enigmatical issues that hopelessly confuse American thinking. Poland's position today vis-à-vis the Catholic church is parallel to that of Spain after the establishment of the Republic in 1931. And if events in Poland follow the same pattern as they did in Spain after 1931, it seems likely that a Polish Franco and a murderous civil war will also be fostered there by the Roman Catholic church.

The Vatican signed a concordat and was on cordial terms with Poland's pre-war Fascist Government of Pilsudski. It is also believed that the Roman Catholic church had a part in the assassination in 1922 of Pilsudski's predecessor, Gabriel Narutowicz, Poland's first republican president who was killed only a week after his election. Anti-Semitic pogroms occurred also at that time, and Narutowicz' election was ascribed by his opponents to Jewish influence.

The Vatican has refused to recognize the present Government of Poland and its priests and bishops have used their pulpits to incite the people to acts of terrorism against it. Last November 22, Father Zygmund Jarkiewicz was sentenced by a military court to be hanged "for having headed a terrorist organization responsible for the murder of several democratic leaders and militia men," as reported in the N. Y. Times of November 23. The same N. Y. Times' dispatch quoted an editorial in the Communist newspaper *Rzecz Pospolita* as follows: "Religion and the Church will not be combatted in Poland. But nobody, even those who wear ecclesias-

tical robes, can incite to crime and civil war with impunity and defend fratricide from the pulpit."

At the present time, there are no restrictions on Catholic church activities in Poland. President Boleslaw Bierut, who heads the present Polish Government, in an interview reported in a special dispatch from Warsaw in the N. Y. Times of November 24, listed the following as proof of the full religious liberty enjoyed by the Roman Catholic church in Poland: "*priests as chaplains in the army; the growth of the Catholic press; broadcasting of religious services and sermons; church ownership of property, and the Government's transfer of property and land in the new Western territories to Catholic religious orders that had left Eastern territories taken over by the Soviet Union.*" Appealing to the Catholic church "*to join in the moral and economic rebuilding of the country,*" President Bierut assured Catholics that they could have special representation in Parliament if they wished.

On the other hand, this Times' dispatch reports Bierut as frankly stating that continuation of the enjoyment of these rights by the Roman Catholic church "*depends exclusively on whether or not the Polish clergy is prepared to accept the new state of affairs in this country, under which the Church enjoys these rights.*"

In response to a question-and-answer interview, Mr. Bierut: 1. denounced the Vatican as the source of the conflict between the church and the state. "*We say it quite openly,*" he declared, "*but it is disagreeable for us to say that the Vatican is a friend of the Germans;*" 2. described as the second source of difficulty "*the unfortunate tendency of some of the Catholic clergy to use their*

sermons for political purposes." Speaking of the Vatican and the political activities of the priests, Mr. Bierut declared:

"During the war, during the most terrible persecution of the Polish people and the Polish nation, we waited in vain for the intervention of the Vatican. If we heard the voice of the Vatican it was very seldom—and very cautious, notwithstanding the magnitude of our sufferings and of the German crimes. Today the same voice is heard much more loudly in defense of the persecuted Germans. And even if it is popular with the Germans, such a policy is very bitter for us."

Describing the "new Poland" as "a country of religious freedom," he said further that "Catholics had all the means they require to practice their faith, to serve their religion and to propagate it." He promised the Church that its cloisters and schools would not be closed and said that the Church' enjoyment of "full rights" was proof of the Government's good will."

The present Government of Poland needs the help of religion to heal the terrible wounds left by the war, "*the reconstruction, not only economic but moral, of our country,*" as this communist President of Poland tells the Catholic church. "*The banditry, bestiality and contempt for human life, the anti-Semitism, rising even to murder,*" he says, "*all these together require the quick intervention of all possible moral authorities.*"

Will the Vatican persist in turning a deaf ear to this appeal of a communist for the spiritual regeneration of Poland? It is more than likely that the Vatican will support a so-called "Christian gentleman" dictator as it did in Spain when it supported the butcher Franco.

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FAKE RELICS AND MIRACLES

By S. MILES BOUTON

THE MANY ALLEGED wonder-working relics and shrines that deceive the Roman Catholic people deserve to be exposed for what they are. Roman Catholics in America at least should be able to face the truth about them. What should help to convince them of the absurdity and deceitfulness of 'miraculous' relics is the fact that they have been used by priests of pagan religions to deceive people long before Christ ever came on earth.

The amusing account of the alleged liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius in a recent issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE reminded me that the English historian, James Anthony Froude, has some interesting things to say on the same subject in his book, *Short Studies on Great Subjects*. He tells that he was commissioned to collaborate in writing a book on the lives of the saints, and says:

"St. Patrick I found once lighted a fire with icicles, changed a Welsh marauder into a wolf, and floated to Ireland upon an altar stone. I thought it nonsense. I found it eventually uncertain whether Patricius was not a title, and whether any single apostle of that name had so much as existed. After a short experiment I had to retreat out of my occupation and let the series go on without me."

Of the Januarius miracle Froude wrote (in the essay *The Lives of the Saints*):

"The pious Catholic tells us that he cannot resist the evidence for the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius; that is, any number of witnesses can be brought to declare that they have seen it. If the smallest civil action in an English court of justice turned on the liquefying of blood under similar circumstances, and a thousand witnesses swore they had seen it, the evidence

would go for nothing, unless the substance called blood had been examined and analyzed by competent chemists, and the process repeated in the presence of trained observers . . . The testimony of credulous and ignorant people in such cases is simply worthless, and the multiplication of nothing remains nothing still.

"As to St. Januarius, it is noticeable that a miracle, closely resembling that which modern Catholics believe, used to be worked in the same Neapolitan territory in Roman times. Horace, describing the various stations at which he stopped on his way from Rome to Brindisi, says,—

Dehinc Gnatia Lymphis

Iratis extracta dedit risusque jocosque,

Dum flama sine thura liquescere limine sacro

Persuadere cupit. Credat Judaeus Apella,

Non ego—namque Deos didici securum agere aevum;—

Nec siquid miri facit natura Deos id Tristes ex alto coeli dimittere tecto.

"Cardinal Newman, with the Jew Apella, would have believed in the supernatural liquefaction of the incense. Horace in like manner would 'laugh and jest' at St. Januarius."

In the above Latin quotation, Horace tells how he laughed when he was told that the incense that burned before the god of this pagan shrine near Naples at certain times underwent supernatural liquefaction. This is similar to what Catholic priests today induce credulous people to believe happens to the supposed blood of St. Januarius which is kept in a vial in a church of his name in Naples.

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'EYES LIKE THE EYES OF A MAN'

Dan. 7:8

By JOHN J. KELLEY

THE PROPHET DANIEL wrote in Babylon and was familiar with the mysteries of Babylon. This little horn which he describes with eyes like a man is familiar to every student of Babylonian mysticism, and is known as "the all-seeing Janus," the Babylonian Messiah, Satan's false Messiah. St. Paul calls him "*that Man of Sin.*" (2 Thess. 2:3) He was the head of the "Mysteries of Babylon."

Because he has eyes like a man, he is a seer, a prophet. Because he comes up above the ten toes he is an overseer, which is the root meaning of the word "bishop." Because he has a "mouth speaking great things, *he is a teacher, a prophet, a proud blasphemer, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*" (Daniel 7:20)

In the 13th Chapter of *Revelation*, John sees this same false Messiah as the "beast from the sea," and known as "*Oannes*," a corruption of Janus. He was also known as Dagon, the fish-god, half man and half fish. The Babylonians said that he came up out of the Persian Gulf after the flood and taught the Chaldeans religion and science. This was used by the descendants of Ham as an excuse to revive the fire worship, which God had sought to extinguish with the flood. This Janus was the *God of doors and hinges*; he carried a key at his belt and claimed to be able to open and shut Heaven and Hell. He wore on his head a miter shaped like a fish's head, and had a "School of Cardinals." The Latin word for cardinal comes from "*Cardo*" meaning a hinge.

This description fits the papal anti-Christ in every detail.

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"*I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture.*" John 10:9.

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2. The *Simplicity* of the Gospel..... "The Door"
3. The *Exclusiveness* of the Gospel..... "By Me"
4. The *Inclusiveness* of the Gospel..... "If Any Man"
5. The *Condition* of the Gospel..... "Enter In"
6. The *Safety and Security* of the Gospel..... "Shall Be Saved"
7. The *Liberty* of the Gospel..... "And Find Pasture"
8. The *Satisfaction* of the Gospel..... "And Go In And Out"

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FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER

FIRST—You Need to be Saved

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—*John 3:3*.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—*Romans 3:23*.

There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.—*Eccles. 7:20*.

We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.—*Isaiah 64:6*.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?—*Jeremiah 17:9*.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.—*Isaiah 53:6*.

SECOND—You Cannot Save Yourself

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.—*Titus 3:5*.

By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.—*Galatians 2:16*.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—*James 2:10*.

There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—*Proverbs 14:12*.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—*John 14:6*.

THIRD—Jesus Has Already Provided for Your Salvation

Who (Jesus) his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.—*1 Peter 2:24*.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.—*1 Peter 3:18*.

Him (Jesus) who knew no sin he (God) made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him. *2 Cor. 5:21 R.V.*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—*John 3:16*.

FOURTH—Jesus Will Enable You to Overcome Temptation

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.—*2 Peter 2:9*.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape.—*1 Corinthians 10:13*.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—*John 8:36*.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.—*2 Corinthians 5:17*.

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THE PASSING SHOW

► ANTE PAVELITCH, head of the murderous Ustashi in Croatia during the war, "is enjoying the hospitality of the American occupation authorities in Austria," according to a dispatch from Belgrade in the N. Y. 'Times' of last December 16, which quoted the above from 'Borba,' Yugoslav communist newspaper.

► GUGLIELMO GIANNINI, founder of Italy's neo-Fascist 'Uomo Qualunque' movement, was born of a Roman Catholic father and a Protestant mother. But like Mussolini who became a fervent Catholic before entering into alliance with the Pope, Giannini also became a very fervent Roman Catholic last June. On the same day he received four sacraments of the Roman church: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion and Matrimony—that is, he remarried his wife to whom he had been wed years before in a civil ceremony. In Italy's municipal elections last November, Giannini's 'Uomo Qualunque' party won second place in Rome, third in Naples and first in Palermo.

► "DRINKING AND GAMBLING are not in themselves sinful or evil," Roman Catholic Bishop John K. Musio of Steubenville, Ohio, instructed his Catholic people in a pastoral letter ordered to be read in all his churches on Sunday, December 1. His instructions were in opposition to a crusade by Protestant ministers of Steubenville against organized vice and crime in that city. Of these Protestant ministers, Bishop Musio said in his pastoral letter, according to the N. Y. Times of last November 28: "These so-called leaders simply do not know the moral structure of Christianity. As a result they make themselves pitiable objects in a community."

► THERE ARE only 10 Roman Catholic priests and 5 nuns in all of Finland, which has only 3,500 Roman Catholics.

► AN ESTIMATED 2,000 Protestant buildings in Poland were taken over by the Roman Catholic church authorities at the end of the war, according to 'Religious News Service.' These properties were owned by German Protestants (mostly Lutherans) who fled or were evacuated from Polish-annexed territories. The present Polish Government has decreed that these buildings be turned over to Polish Protestant congregations—a fact that adds to the bitterness of Roman Catholic opposition to Poland's new regime.

► THE VATICAN has abandoned hope of re-establishing diplomatic relations with Rumania, according to an AP dispatch of last November 14 from Vatican City. American Bishop Gerald O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta, Ga., who was appointed by the Pope as "Regent" of the Bucharest Nunciature, was refused permission to enter the country. The present Rumanian government ousted the former papal nuncio, Archbishop Andreas Cassulo, because of the Vatican's support of the government of Nazi-puppet Antonescu during the war. Pope Pius XII, according to the N. Y. 'Times' of July 15, 1943, honored Antonescu with "the highest decoration that the Vatican can bestow."

► THE TRIAL of Father Joseph Tiso, Hitler's puppet-president of Slovakia and number one war criminal of the Balkans, is proceeding slowly at Bratislava, with very scant reports of it appearing in the American press. A UP dispatch from Bratislava of last December 3, merely mentions "113 charges of treason" made against this Nazi priest ruler and that he had pleaded innocent to all of them.

► PRIESTS in some parts of France are raising money for their Catholic schools by means of lotteries, and refusing to pay tax on the money so obtained, according to the London Catholic 'Tablet' of last November 2. In most parts of France Catholic schools are held in trusteeship by laymen, and the Government thus cannot seize the properties to pay the taxes. Bishop Cazaux of the diocese of Luçon is supporting his priests in this practice which, says the 'Tablet,' may solve the problem of support for Catholic schools. It is proof, however, that the French people do not want Catholic schools and will not support them.

► **TWENTY-TWO STATES** now allow 'released time' for religious instruction classes during school hours in public schools, according to Rev. Joseph B. Collins in the Catholic 'Register' of last October 27. The following twelve States have passed legislation providing for this innovation: California, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and West Virginia. In the other 10 States—Illinois, Nevada, Connecticut, Delaware, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Idaho and Utah—it has been authorized only by rulings of Attorneys General and local boards of education.

► **OF THE 240 Roman Catholic priests** in Puerto Rico in 1944, only 40 were native Puerto Ricans, the rest Spanish and Americans. The number of Evangelical Protestant ministers was 800, almost all of whom were Puerto Ricans. 'The Presbyterian' of last October 31, quotes these figures from the 'Catholic Digest.' There is no town in Puerto Rico of more than one thousand people that does not have an Evangelical church. The total population of P.R. is 2,000,000.

► **MORE** than 1,000 teachers in Dublin (Eire) went on strike in March 1944 because of very low pay and poor working conditions, but the Eire Department of Education flatly refused their demands. According to the Catholic 'Register' of last November 10, Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin interceded with the teachers on the plea of the "spiritual and moral interests" of the children and the teachers, after their seven-month strike, obeyed the archbishop and returned to their classrooms "unconditionally."

► **EX-EMPRESS ZITA** of Austria and "Apostolic Queen of Hungary," and her daughter, Archduchess Elizabeth, were given special seats in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Catholic Cathedral in Pittsburgh last November 5, for the consecration ceremony of Bishop Daniel Ivancho of the Catholic Greek rite. This is a privilege accorded only to royalty. All other women, even nuns, are forbidden inside the sanctuary of Roman Catholic churches during services.

► **HAITI**, for the first time in the 148 years of its independence, has granted religious freedom to Protestants. This is a direct result of the overthrow of the Roman Catholic dictator Lescot in a bloodless revolution in January, 1946. Free elections were held last May 12, and shortly afterwards an article was voted into the constitution that gives non-Roman churches complete religious freedom and equal status with the Roman Catholic church.

► **GERMAN CATHOLICS** have sent an order to a Jewish firm in Palestine for 100,000 marks (\$400,000) worth of Jordan river holy water, according to the *Hebrew Observer* (Mich.) of last November 15.

► **THE VATICAN** has threatened excommunication against editors of the anti-clerical weekly newspaper *Don Basilio* published in Rome, according to the N. Y. *Times* of last November 23. The newspaper publishes anti-clerical articles and cartoons, and the Congregation of the Holy Office forbade all Catholics to sell and read it, because it "dared and dares with reckless impudence to impugn deliberately the truths of the faith, to deride the divine cult, to expose to public contempt the ecclesiastical hierarchy, to attack violently... the clergy and religious."

► **GERMAN PROTESTANTS** have reiterated the admission of guilt and need of repentance on the part of the German people for their failure to check the criminals of Hitler's regime. In contrast to the refusal of the German Catholic bishops to admit Germany's collective guilt, the Westphalia Provincial Synod of the German Evangelical Church is reported by *Religious News Service* as openly declaring: "We reject the wicked attempt to escape responsibility by concealing oneself behind the guilt of others. We have been too credulous in not seeing through nationalism, which makes an idol of race. We did not raise our voices loudly enough against the extermination of the Jews. As time went on, we made less and less resistance against the claims of totalitarianism, so our vision of the Living Christ became obscured."

► **CARDINAL GILROY** of Australia was received in audience by Emperor Hirohito in Tokyo last November 28, according to a dispatch from there in the N. Y. 'Times.' Two American bishops were also recently sent by the Pope to obtain support of the Buddhists in Japan in their "common fight" against Russia.

► **MOST CONFUSING** news, item of the year: Dictator Salazar of Portugal, according to an AP dispatch in the N. Y. *Times* of last November 11, made a speech on November 9, "in which he denounced democracy as a failure while praising Russia's achievements in war and peace. . ."

► **"THE KREMLIN AND THE VATICAN** are already at war," Father John C. Heenan, an English Catholic spokesman declared in Glasgow last November 18, according to the Buffalo 'Courier Express.' "The battle is already joined between Communism and the Catholic church," he declared. "It must be evident to every intelligent man and woman that this war is more vital than the two World Wars."

► **"SKY-HIGH** piles of arms and bigger and better bombs" to fight Russia, were urged by University of Notre Dame's president Father John J. Cavannaugh, before an audience of 5,000 in Oklahoma City last October 16. According to a UP dispatch in the 'Pittsburgh Press' he stated that this is the way the United States can best answer nations like Russia that deny the existence of God.

► **THE PROTESTANT** Archbishop of York, C. Foster Garbett, has issued another warning against signing the Roman Catholic conditions for a mixed marriage. In his diocesan leaflet published last November 29, he contended that Roman Catholics who deny the validity of mixed marriages performed by a Protestant minister "could be liable to pay heavy damages for slander in a court of law."

► **DR. PHILIPPE ETTER**, member of the Swiss Catholic Conservative party, was re-elected President of Switzerland last December 12.

MORE ABOUT FATHER TISO

NOTHING DEFINITE has yet been made known about the trial of Msgr. Josef Tiso, Hitler's priest-puppet of the defunct Nazi state of Slovakia. Latest reports indicate that the Vatican may succeed in having the United States intervene either to free Tiso from punishment entirely, or at least to prevent publicity in this country about his trial as Czechoslovakia's number one war criminal.

Americans of all religions, however, should know all the sordid facts, not only about this priest-traitor to humanity, but about those other Roman Catholic prelates in this country who supported him when he was in power. Chief among these is Monsignor F. J. Dubosh, head of the Catholic Slovak League in America. According to the *New Yorksky Dennik* (Slovak-language paper of N. Y.) of June 17, 1941, Msgr. Dubosh and his Slovak League at first actually brought pressure to bear on the State Department to establish diplomatic relations with Tiso's government in Bratislava, and suggested that the Slovak League should function as the Consulate of the Tiso government in this country.

Even after Msgr. Tiso declared war on the U. S. in December 1941, Msgr. Dubosh and his Slovak League kept in close contact with Tiso's government in Bratislava through the Vatican, which transmitted cables and letters from Tiso to the League here in the U. S. By this means articles by Msgr. Dubosh and other Catholic leaders of the Slovak League in this country were published, even after Pearl Harbor, in Hitler's newspaper, the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, in Berlin and in Nazi newspapers in Bratislava.

Tiso's own official newspaper in Bratislava was called *The Slovak*, and

articles by Msgr. Dubosh, Joseph Huseck, Peter Hletko, and other Catholic leaders in this country were published in it. How traitorous this was to the cause of democracy may be judged from the hatred of the United States, of democracy, of Jews, and of all democratic freedoms that was spewed out by this official newspaper of Msgr. Tiso. In its issue of May 15, 1944, for instance, it published an article smearing not only President Roosevelt—whom it called "*the noisy horn of the dark Jewish powers ruling from behind the scenes*"—but also Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Wilson. Here are some extracts from this article as translated from the *New Yorksky Dennik*, of July 9, 1944.

"The United States of America from its foundation in 1776 has been steadily ruled by the Freemasons . . . They tried to graft the Masonic principles into the American Constitution which for many decades past has developed so unfavorably for the American people. The very first president, Washington, was the Grand Commander over nine states of the Union . . . and took his oath on the Masonic Bible.

"The author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president, Jefferson, was also a high-degree Mason. He set the future course of American politics so that it would be said that 'America is elected to wield the whip over all nations.'

"Woodrow Wilson was a member of the Odd-Fellows Lodge, and as such, he was an experienced instrument in the fight of the secret Jewish-Freemasonic powers of darkness. We can thank him for declaring war in 1917 at the request of the 'American Jewish Committee,' and for this 'heroic' act, he received an honorary gold pin from the B'nai Brith on November 30, 1918.

"Not long after this, there appeared on the stage of history, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. We know of him, that he is the noisy horn of the dark Jewish powers, ruling from behind the screens."

NO SCRIPTURE WANTED!

'OUR SUNDAY VISITOR,' popular Catholic weekly, in its issue of October 20, carried the following warning as a part of an advertisement for Roman Catholic Christmas cards:

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ANSWERS

By JOSEPH ZACCHELLO

EACH MONTH, Mr. Zacchello, a former priest, answers objections made by Roman Catholics against the beliefs of Evangelical Christians. Scripture quotes are from the official Catholic version of the New Testament.

VENERATION OF IMAGES

ROMAN CATHOLICS SAY:

(Quoting the decree of the Council of Trent):

"The images of Christ and the Virgin Mother of God, and of the other saints, are to be had and to be kept, especially in churches, and due honor and veneration are to be given them." (Sess. XXV)

They attempt to prove their use of images by quoting the Bible as follows:

"Thou shalt make also two cherubims of beaten gold, on the two sides of the oracle. Let one cherub be on the one side, and the other on the other." Exodus 25:18, 19

ANSWER:

The cherubims were not adored or venerated, nor were they even seen by the people. They were in the Holy of Holies, into which the High Priest alone entered once a year, and then only with the blood of a sacrifice.

The cherubims were made at the express command of God, while the Church of Rome can not produce a like command enjoining the use and making of images.

Again Roman Catholics quote the Bible as follows in favor of the veneration of images:

"Moses therefore made a brazen serpent, and set it up for a sign: which when they that were bitten looked upon, they were healed." Numbers 21:9

ANSWER:

The brazen serpent is rather a proof against the worship of images. In fact, King Hezekiah later broke the serpent when the people burned incense before it (2 Kings 18:4) as Roman Catholics do today before their images.

Roman Catholics further insist:

"Even if we grant that God forbade the Jews to make images, such a law would not bind Christians, as the positive Jewish law was abrogated by the Gospel." Romans 8:1,2. See *The Question Box* by Conway, page 170.

ANSWER:

God's law was not abrogated; it can never be abrogated. Because we are not under the Law, but under Grace, we cannot disregard God's Law; we are only free from the penalty of the Old Law. All that Romans 8:1, 2 says is that the believer is not under the penalty of the law (Heb. 8:10; Jer. 31:31). The use of images is condemned not only in the Old Testament (Exodus 20:4, 5; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:15, 9:12, 16:22; Isaiah 40:18; Jeremiah 44:3, 4; Hosea 8:6, 7; Habakkuk 2:18, 19), but also in the New Testament: (John 4:24; Acts 17:22; 1 Cor. 10:20; 1 John 5:21.)

The Roman Church has not dared to remove, from the Bible, the express command of God forbidding the making and use of images, but has changed the Ten Commandments as follows:

Q. "Which are the Commandments of God?"

A. "The Commandments of God are these ten:

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain . . . etc."
Baltimore Catechism, Question 313.

Roman Catholics try to justify the use of images by making a distinction between the cult of *Latria*, given only to the Godhead, the cult of *Hyper-dulia*, given only to Mary, and the cult of *Dulia*, given to the saints, images and relics. If you go into a Roman Catholic church you will discover that this distinction is only theoretical. The Roman Catholic people worship the statues and relics of the saints in the same way and often more fervently than the "Blessed Sacrament" which they believe to be the real body, soul, and divinity of Christ. Even the official Roman Catholic Missal does not follow this distinction. Clergy and laity are distinctly asked not merely to *venerate*, but actually "*adore*" the "nails and wood" of the cross, as well as Christ, who died on the cross.

In the Roman Missal, rubric for Good Friday, we read:

"... Then he (the priest) proceeds to the middle of the altar, and totally uncovering the cross and elevating it, he begins a third time more loudly, '*Behold the Wood of the Cross upon which the salvation of the world hangs. Come, let us adore.*' Then taking off his shoes, he approaches to adore the cross, thrice kneeling, before he kisses it. When he has done this he returns, and puts on his shoes; and afterwards the ministers of the altars, and then the other clergy, and laity, two by two, thrice kneeling, as is before said, *adore the cross.*"

Again in the Roman Missal on the feast of the "Exaltation of the Cross," September 14, we read:

"O cross, more splendid than all the stars, etc., Sweet Wood, sweet nails,

bearing a sweet burden, save the present multitude assembled today in thy praise.' Then the Pontiff (the officiating priest) kneeling before the cross devoutly adores and kisses it (*Ipsam devote adoratur et osculatur*). The same all others who wish may do."

Were the Apostles to come to earth and enter a Roman Catholic church, could they distinguish between the pagan worship of idols and that of Roman Catholics kneeling before their images and relics of the saints, burning incense, kissing, praying and carrying them in public procession?

Many priests do not themselves believe in images, but they keep them in their churches because it is a good source of income. My pastor, to whom I was assistant, told me, "I have about 40



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"And Jesus answered and said to

him: 'It is written, "The Lord thy God shalt thou worship, and him only shalt thou serve."' " Luke 4:8.

THE ESSENCE OF PROTESTANTISM

By H. H. BOLHUIS

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[We are happy to publish this exchange article by the editor of a positive Protestant magazine in Holland which in return translates and publishes articles of ours in Dutch.]

IN HIS BOOK, on *Protestantism*, the French pastor Bertrand says: "The real newness of Christianity is that it does not offer to its followers a law or a doctrine, but a person, a living, conscious ideal: Jesus Christ. Christianity is life with Christ. It is a reconstruction of our personality after the example of Jesus."

Although Jesus Christ did not completely reject religious traditions, he was relatively indifferent to them. Thus at the Reformation, Protestantism liberated its followers from the overload of unscriptural church traditions and ritualistic practices that had almost completely smothered the message of the Gospel and the ideal of the Lord. It restored the worship of God in spirit and in truth. This liberation from external authority of a dictatorial church was not immediate, but gradual. Professor Heim once defined Protestantism as: "A struggle for the liberation of the conscience out of the hands of the priest."

Although Christ's teachings were intended to put an end to priesthoods, holocausts and ceremonies, the Roman Catholic church re-established them—in the very name of Christ who condemned them. (See 23rd chap. of Matt.) At the Protestant Reformation

these were revived, and Christ's true teaching about worshipping God in spirit and in truth was reasserted in all its fullness. Most Protestant churches thus hold ritual and ceremony to a minimum and use them merely for the sake of dignity and order in their services and communities.

The relationship of the Protestant minister to his congregation differs radically from that of the Roman priest and his congregation. The Protestant minister is on the same level with the members of his congregation as far as the means of salvation are concerned, and he differs from them only in increased knowledge of the way of salvation that he may have over individuals of his congregation. This spiritual equality is not found in the Roman Catholic church, where the lay people are treated as 'minors,' not spiritually of age, and who require the priest as essential to think, hear and interpret the Scriptures for them. Without the ministrations of the priest, Catholics believe they cannot be saved. Alone on a desert island a believing Protestant, however, can obtain salvation as fully as if he had his minister and church close at hand. This is because Protestantism withdrew the individual con-

science out of the range of the priest and replaced it under the direct leadership of Christ.

Because of Protestantism's individual approach to God, it is not fair to accuse it of leading to anarchy. It does reject the dictatorial authority of the church of Rome, but establishes in its place the Bible as the repository and assured source of real authority. This guarantees freedom to seek, find, and progress in the truth, but it also restrains that freedom from developing into license by supplying an end and object—the truth in Christ—which controls it.

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